



School Newsletter

Issue 16 – 7th January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school! I hope that you all had a peaceful and relaxed Christmas holiday. After three days back in school, the children have settled in well, determined to carry on where they left off in December.

I would like to thank all of you for your kind words and wishes this week during my first few days. The children and staff have been fantastically supportive, helpful, and very enthusiastic during the initial conversations that we have had. I feel that it is vitally important to ensure that the children's thoughts and ideas are listened to carefully, so most of my days so far have been spent with classes carrying out Pupil Voice meetings.

Over the coming weeks, we will be outlining trips and visits that I hope the children will be able to attend. Such a vital part of their learning needs to take place in other environments, and we will be ensuring that this begins again.

Have a good weekend and I will see you all next week!

Best wishes,

*Mr. Dave Paton
Headteacher*

News and Events

Year 4 Electricity Workshop

Year 4 'sparked' with excitement during their electricity workshop today to launch their Science topic for this half term!

Year 6 – Macbeth and Shakespeare Drama Days

On Thursday and Friday next week, Year 6 will be taking part in Drama workshops around Shakespeare's Macbeth. We hope there won't be too much 'hubble bubble toil and trouble'!

Mr C – Resident Artist

Mr Corcoran or 'Mr C' (as the children call him), has returned to school and is working with the children across the school to create amazing works of art and feats of engineering! He works in school every Wednesday.

School Uniform

A reminder that children should be wearing the winter school uniform which includes a white school shirt (not polo t-shirt) and a school tie.

PE jogging suits should be light grey in colour.

Music Lessons with Martin Lynch for Key Stage 2 Pupils

Music lessons with Martin Lynch re start next week. If your child wishes to learn to play either Guitar, Keyboard or Ukulele.

If you would like your child to have guitar lessons with an independent music teacher, Martin Lynch, then go direct to Martin's website www.earlynotesmusic.education . Lessons are either individual or group and will take place in school, however we do not deal with bookings or payments.

Swimming Class 4H

Class 4H will continue their swimming lessons on:

Monday 10th January
Monday 17th January
Monday 24th January
Monday 31st January
Monday 7th February
Monday 14th February

Please remember to remove earrings or cover with large plaster on each of these Mondays.

PE Days

Class/Year Group	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reception			OUTDOOR		INDOOR
Year 1	INDOOR		OUTDOOR		
Year 2		OUTDOOR		INDOOR	
Year 3	INDOOR		OUTDOOR		
4L	OUTDOOR		INDOOR		
4H	Swimming (Wear PE Kits)		INDOOR		
Year 5			INDOOR		OUTDOOR
Year 6		INDOOR		OUTDOOR	

After School Clubs – January

After school clubs will start from the next week 10th January and will run for 6 weeks.

Year 1

Monday – Lego Construction Club
Wednesday – Multisport Club

Year 2

Monday – Little Voices Singing Club
Wednesday – Lego Construction Club

Year 3

Wednesday – Gymnastics run by Beth Tweddle Instructor
Thursday – Multisports with Mr Lynch

Year 4

Monday – Tennis with Mrs Redman
Thursday – Computer Coding Club

Year 5

Monday – Reading Café / Book Club
Thursday – Computer Coding Club

Year 6

Monday – Computer Coding Club
Wednesday – Revision Club (Not included as one of the children's club options – can be booked in conjunction with a second club choice)
Friday – HI-5 Netball Club

The clubs will run straight after school until 4:15pm for junior clubs and 4:00pm for infant clubs. Infant clubs will be collected from the infant playground by an adult. Junior clubs will be collected from the junior playground for Year 3 and 4 and the Office gate for Year 5 and 6 by an adult.

Absence Recording

It is really important that the office have this information to complete registers. Currently vast amounts of the office staff's time is taken up contacting parents for information about why their child is absent. If you know your child is going to be absent then please telephone the office **before 9am** on the first morning of their absence giving reasons for this absence. Please make this phone call as your earliest opportunity as a message can be left on the school answer phone service as this is the first thing that will be checked each morning. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

PTA NEWS

PTA Meeting

Our next PTA Meeting will be held on Monday 17th January in the school hall at 5.30pm. We would warmly welcome new members.

100 Club Winners December 2021

1st Prize – £20 - H Brady Duck

2nd Priize - £15 – C Carter

3rd Prize - £10 – S Taylor

Bumper Christmas

1st – Rig £30

2nd – A Moore £25

3rd – O Cooper £20

Congratulations to all our winners!

School Day Timings

Reception

Arrive between **8.45 and 8.55am** and finish **3.10pm**.

Key Stage 1

Years 1 and 2 arrive between **8.40 and 8.50am** and finish at **3.05pm**.

Key Stage 2

Years 4 and 6 arrive between **8.40 and 8.50.am** and finish at **3.10pm**.

Years 3 and 5 arrive between **8.45 and 8.55am** and finish at **3.15pm**

Jewellery

Ear rings must be plain silver or gold stud ear rings only – children will be required to remove any all other jewellery.

Hair

All long hair must be tied up.

This is in the interest of health and safety.

Dropping Off & Collecting Children

The roads in the immediate vicinity of the school become very congested at the start and end of the school day. We seek your help in keeping this area safe.

Please do not:

- stop or park on the zig-zag lines;
- park on the pavement or on bends;
- park in or walk through the car park. We ask that you act considerately and respectfully to our neighbours.

Please do:

- walk to school as often as you can;
- park away from the school and walk;
- consider residents and not block their driveways.

